paper and also the local news published herein.

Member of the Associated Pres

the use for republication of all news dispatches

Yesterday's Net Circulation, 91,664

No. 27,979.

ARGENTINA CEASES PARTICIPATION IN SESSIONS OF LEAGUE

Stir Is Caused In Assembly By Action.

END OF ARTICLE X PLAN OF CANADA

Minister of Justice Submits Resolution To Eliminate It.

GENEVA, December 4. - Honorie Pueyrredon, the Argentine foreign minister, today handed Paul Hymans. president of the league of nations as sembly, a letter announcing that the Argentine delegation had ceased its participation in the league

The letter, it later developed, officially announced the withdrawal of the Argentine delegation from the Whether this meant that Argen-

tina was withdrawing altogether from the league was not immediately ap-Argentina's delegation to the as-sembly of the league of nations did not appear during the first hour of today's meeting.

The fact that Senor Pueyrredon did not attend today's meeting caused suppressed excitement in the assembly, especially among South Americans.

Aimed at Article X.

George Nicoll Barnes of Great Britain was prepared today to ask the council of the league to account for its failure to use its good offices in an endeavor to keep the Russian bolsheviki and the Poles from fighting last summer

Methods to be pursued, regarding amendments to the covenant of the league, will probably come before the assembly for a final ruling next Francisco Garcia Caldernon, the

The Catalans have asked the league to free them from Spanish rule; the Montenegrins repeatedly are appealing to the council and assembly for the independence of their country and for relief from alleged cruelties of Serbian troops of occupation, and among the almost innumerable odds and ends in the league mail are demands for a revision of the treaty of Sevres. These and minor complications are preventing the council of the assembly from pushing ahead with the big program of the Meantime the financial committee of

the following principles as a working basis for the time being:

First—The council and the assembly each will be invested with particular powers and duties. Neither body will have jurisdiction to render a deeision in any matter which has been expressly committed to the other.

Second—The assembly will have no power to reverse or modify a decision to the archaeve com-

Fourth-The council will present

offer her moral and diplomatic aid to views, namely, that the credit of the President Wilson in his Armenian United States is already in such

herence of Argentina.

many to the league. egates at Geneva were taking an at-titude reflecting any such view.

CONFESSES TO MURDER. RUTLAND, Vt., December 4 .- Peter Longe, one of the fourteen men under arrest for the murder of Owen Hayes at Fairhaven October 6, has confessed Gunboats are

DRYLAWTO COVER U. S.-CONTROLLED

OFFICES ABROAD

A bill forbidding all American citizens abroad in offices controlled by the United States from serving

liquors at public or official func-

tions has been prepared for intro-

duction by Senator Jones of Wash-

The bill is broad enough in its terms, it is believed, to cover the embassies of the United States

abroad as well as the consular of-fices. The bill is framed particu-larly with reference to United States consular offices in China.

WILL BE BRIDGED

Conferences Between Future

and Present Executives to

Follow Harding's Call.

Wilson and Harding administrations

Senator Harding will call at the White House to pay his respects.

action of every nation on the subject of military aid.

Will Not Foist Views.

refer that Mr. Wilson forget about

The clash between the city and the farm is a serious one. The attitude

Solve Present Muddle Expected by June 30.

THREE PER CENT FINAL

Copley Explains Suggestion; Would Save Consumer Costs

Repeal of the excess profits tax by June 30, or before, with the substitution of a 3 per cent final sales tax. and joint sessions of the House ways and means committee and the Senate finance committee to expedite a soluion of the tax problem are being seriously considered by those in Congress directly charged with the duty of framing the revenue-producing leg-

the tax in the end; that by the indirect method of assessing it the tax is pyramided before it reaches the consumer in the final-sale price, the cost of living is piled up, the people are overburdened, and the government does not get the benefit. By having the courage to levy a final sales tax where the consumer knews he pays only one tax, and to whom he

President Wilson himself is said to be ready to tell Senator Harding all the facts of foreign relations as they how to raise enough to keep the government going properly with the least burden on the people.

Bad Because Retroactive. in mapping out his own foreign pol-icy, the President-elect shall have the benefit of the latest information con-

officially at Geneva by the assembly of the league that Article 10 did, not mean a guarantee of territorial integrity as has been suggested in the debates in the American Senate, but simply refers to external aggression, has been looked upon by friends of the President as a good augury.

The statement moreover of Denmark that she could not furnish troops for a certain purpose called for by the league's council is also regarded as a precedent that will bolster up the view taken by Mr. Wilson heretofore concerning the freedom of action of every nation on the subject Meantime the financial committee of twelve, appointed to continue the work of the Brussels financial conference, has been diligently working out a plan for an international credits institution. This committee took the rough sketch of the plan prepared by the Brussels conference as a starting point for its work.

Principles Are Suggested.

The report of the committee on relations between the council and the assembly of the league of nations suggests the adoption by the assembly of the following principles as a working basis for the time being:

But there is no suspicion here that to foist his views about the league on Mr. Harding. The latter will decide for kimself whether about the league on Mr. Harding. The latter will decide for kimself whether about it. On the other hand, the particular problem the resident, as seen by friends of the league, is that unless he sends the treaty and covenant back to the Senate there will be nothing before that body. It is suggested, for example, that it would be difficult for Mr. Harding to send the treaty to the susiness men had spent the money and had to provide for expenditure or permanent investment of those profits. Consequently, following the figures of the bureau of labor, we see a very great jump in the cost of articles about the time that gill was introduced carrying retroactive features. The business men had spent the money and had to provide by increased profits to pay the tax the following twelve months.

expressly committed to the other.

Second—The assembly will have no power to reverse or modify a decision which falls within the exclusive competence of the council. The same respect must be shown by the council for decisions of the assembly.

Third—Under the covenant representatives sitting on the council and in the assembly will render decisions as representatives of their respective states, and in rendering decisions they have no standing except as such rep
Council to the approach of changes that own suggestions of changes that own satisfy criticisms made heretofore.

Indeed, it would occasion no surprise if Mr. Wilson, realizing his defeat at the last election, would at last make a compromise suggestion and leave it to the republican Senate to approve or reject, but furnishing at 2ny rate a basis for a continuance of the discussion.

Want It Left in Pigeonhele.

The republicans themselves would contained to the active fourteen months back. Instead of prices declining as they ought to have done after the armistice was signed they enormously increased, because this tax was made retroactive, a large increase over the tax under which business had been operating, and, again, men had spent a large share of their money. The tax had to be paid in 1919, with increased prices — the only way to get the money.

Want It Left in Pigeonhele.

The republicans the suggestion of the council to the active fourteen months back. Instead of prices declining as they ought to have done after the armistice was signed they enormously increased, because this tax was made retroactive, a large increase over the tax under the council to the outlines of the council to the outlines of the council to the prices that the last election, would at last make a compromise suggestion and leave it to the republican Senate to a large increase over the tax was made retroactive, a large increase over the tax was made retroactive, a large increase over the tax under the council the prices of the council to the outlines of the prices declining as the Fourth—The council will present each year a report to the assembly. It will be impossible to consider the assembly as a chamber of deputies and the council as an upper chamber, the report finds, because in certain matters the council and the assembly will have identical rights. While in others each body has special rights.

A dispatch has been received by the was coming, and so the business man over tax, but a final sales tax on re-tail merchandise. Then no one indusof the Treasury Department may be said to reflect President Wilson's cost to the other fellow, because the views, namely, that the credit of the United States is already in such strained condition that to extend strained condition that to extend soans to any one class would only start a general demand for relief which would weaken the government purse and force down the price of liberty bonds and other obligations.

Much of the trouble is due to the fact that while the people voted in November to turn the democratic administration out of power, the new administration doesn't come into office until three months have passed, and probably will not get familiar with the problems in hand for another two months after that.

Meanwhile American business sufconsumer is going to pay but one tax, and knows exactly how much it is. a production tax, or a tax at any stage of production, because again the consumer, who must pay the tax, can place the exact responsibility for any overcharge, either on the article it-

Pay Tax Just Same. "It is very much a question in my nind," said Representative Copley, "whether or not the people of the country have sufficient courage to face this problem and meet it by pay-ing a tax which they know about cheerfully. They may prefer an indirect tax. If the do, they pay the tax just the same, and, not knowing just how much they pay, are likely to pay how much they pay, are likely to pay a great deal more for the article than they are paying taxes on. There-fore, the cost often is more and the Representative Copley points out
"by the excess profits tax law the government received only about one-fourth of the revenue on excess prof-its that it ought to have received,

DECLARES D. C. CAN BE MADE BEST CITY FOR TRAFFIC IN U. S. William P. Eno Says, However, at Present

WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1920-TWENTY-TWO PAGES.

FOR

CHRISTMAS!

Washington Is One of Worst, as Far as Vehicular Movement Is Concerned.

cident week" movement in Washing- every international traffic authority and one and superintendent of police. of the framers of the regulations of Paris and New York, spoke to the

was the absence of a bureau of street take care of itself—we cannot call it traffic. The creation of such a bureau, (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

he pointed out, would mean that every traffic man would be under one head, and that this head would have

Suffering From 'Trafficitis.' and New York, spoke to the "Washington is suffering from a chronic attack of 'trafficitis' of long Peruvian minister to France, arrived yesterday to replace Dr. Mariano H. Cornejo as Peruvian delegate to the assembly of the league of a finance and the treaty of Versailles and sporadic safety who have proven effication from the two principles in the principles in the study of the league today by Charles J. Doberty. Curiodical the second of the league today by the referred to the committee on amendments.

**Cornejo as Peruvian delegate to the assembly of the league of nations, eliminating of the treaty of Versailles assembly of the league today by Charles J. Doberty. Curiodical the provincial interpretation of the second of the league today by the referred to the committee on amendments.

**City Club public safety group, and fore of the public safety group, and standing, due largely to official united of committee of committee of committee of committee of committee of committee of the position of Columbia Safety Council, read a report in which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety seeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he pointed out that twelve periodic safety weeks are optate which he question in a letter to Geor regulated cities in the United States who have been needlessly sacrificed, and that it could easily be made the best. One of the reasons for this condition, in the opinion of the speaker, the past must take of the country of of

OPPOSES HARDING'S THREAT OF BREAK IN CABLE PARLEYS PLANS FOR CABINET

Limit of Concession to Allied Powers.

By the Associated Press. to the international communications conference now in session here. German cables. The United States has insisted that has been diverted to connect Pen-zance with Halifax, only on condi-tion that it remain in British hands. The Italian delegation has been in sistent that Italy be given one of the French cables running along the coast of northern Africa, so as to give that country direct cable serv-ice to the United States, and the American government is understood to have supported Italy in this claim

Silent Regarding Japan. Officials would not state today States with respect to the recogni States with respect to the landing tion by the powers of equal landing rights for cables had met with the anticipated opposition of Japan, mereanticipated opposition of Japan, mereanticipated opposition had not ly saying that the subject had not Establishment of such a principle i known to have been one the American representatives have been particularly zealous on accounof the desire to prevent any discrimination against the United States in the use of the former German cables now held by Japan and centering

about the Pacific island of Yap, upol

cable connections in the Pacific is

peculiarly dependent. NO-ACCIDENT WINNERS.

which the entire system of Ame

BALTIMORE, December 4.—The Charleston division of the eastern lines of the Baltimore and Ohio rail-road and the Ohio division on the western lines were declared the win-ners in the recently closed "no-acci-dent" campaign, which had been car-ried on for thirty days over the sys-tem, it was announced at the execuoffices here yesterday. The obas far as possible accidents of all kinds, and the results were declared to have been very gratifying to the

U. S. Has About Reached Marshall, Here, Says They Would Make Vice President's Path Rough.

Vice President Marshall, who re-The American government has about turned to Washington today for the reached the limit of the concessions of Congress Monday, does a traffic problem offers.

"The never-eding vibration, clamor and grind day and night of car and It is willing to make to the allied and not believe that Senator Harding's car wheel robs the home of its ele-associated powers with regard to the plan to have the Vice President beassociated powers with regard to the plan to have the vice on a non-car street, of the peace and disposition of the former German come practically a member of the quiet they sought and bought and cables, it was made known today by cabinet will work to advantage. Paid well for.

Constitution of the United Evidence was offered recently be-States intended that the Vice Presi-that the initial cost of laying car conference now in session here. The commissioner said the negotiations had been dragging for some time the Senate, and nothing else," said street or single track on 17th the Senate and nothing else," said street or single track on 15th street, without any immediate indication that vice President Marshall. "To be a presiding officer it is necessary that an agreement would be reached.

Officials would not attempt to in-Officials would not attempt to in-dicate what would follow the break-tire confidence of all of the senators. the cost of cars, terminal facili-ing up of the conference, which has ing up of the conference, which has a result of the suppeared imminent as a result of the unwillingness of some of the powers represented to reach what the American representatives consider an representatives consider an equitable distribution of the former capital forms.

If a Vice President should attend to govern the capital practically as a member, it would tend to arouse suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion, and senators of the minoment would approximate \$100,000 per suspicion would make the path of the would make the path of the would make the path of the would make the President in the Senate a rough one. any representatives from the The United States has insisted that the cable communications between the Capitol are to attend cabinet meetings, the majority leader of the Senate and Germany which were interrupted as a result of the diversion of the German cables and the majority leader of the House the diversion of the German cables and the majority leader of the House and the majority leader of the House the diversion of the German cables and the majority leader of the House and the majority leader of the House that a Vice President should be the men selected. "The idea that a Vice President should be completely informed as to the policies of the President, so that he might carry them out in the event of the President, so that he might carry them out in the event of the President should be considered to connect Pendage and the majority leader of the House that \$25,000. The suggested advantages of the bus over the car, in operation, are: Passengers enter and leave at the curb; conductors might be dispensed with; operating as independent units, not tie-up of the entire line, and no continual renewals of roadbed and rail, etc. Economy, convenience and comfort apparently weigh in on the side of the bus as against the car. "A flect of thirty motor buses might to cost \$300,000. On this the interest charge annually would be charge annually would be charge annually would be the are to the full that the purpose of the Bus as \$25,000. The suggested advantages of the bus over the curb; conductors might be dispensed with curb. The full that the purpose of the bus over the curb; conductors might be dispensed with a suggested advantages of the bus over the curb. The suggested advantages of the bus over the curb. The full that the purpose of the bus over the curb. The suggested advantages of the bus over the curb. The suggested advantages of the bus over the curb. The full that the purpose of the bus over the curb. The suggested and and the majority leader of the House that the curb. The suggested and and the majority leader of the House that the curb. Th mind, Italiacious. A Vice President might make a poor President, but he would make a much poorer one if he attempted to subordinate his own mind and views to carry out the ideas of a dead man." comfort apparently weigh in on the a view to securing an honorable peace were passed by the Galway county council, a republican body, yesterday. The resolutions expressed the opinion that the British government ing car service with motor bus lines. of a dead man."
The Vice President is looking well and cheerful. He declined to discuss the recent political campaign.

Today's News in Paragraphs

Capper proposes to tax grain gamblers out of existence.

Suggestions the state of they are offered." Direct tax to supplant excess profits levy planned.

Argentine delegates leave league meetPage 1 Appropriation Bill Expected to Be caution in dealing with the movement against D'Annunzio. Page 2 Samuel Phillips, long time D. C. resi-

BUSES PROPOSED FOR 14TH STREET

William McK. Clayton Believes Motor Line Would Relieve Congestion.

tric railway commission. Roger W. Babson of Bosion, a railway expert and economist of note, said: 'If buses had come in before street cars, in many communities, the electric cars would never have appeared.'' 'Is not this the time and opportunity to supplement Capital Traction service on your 14th street line, either the conservation of the paragraph of the para many communities, the electric cars would never have appeared."
"Is not this the time and opportunity to supplement Capital Traction service on your 14th street line, either on 14th street itself or on some other street to the west, with motor buses, starting, say, as a try-out, a line from Park road to 15th and New York averuse with car transfers east or west? iue, with car transfers east or west?

Maximum Use of Tracks. "The Capital Traction Company some time ago reached the maximum car use of its 14th street tracks, and today people who offer to ride cannot be served as your charter and the law requires. New tracks must be laid or buses must supplement your

"The invasion of a strictly residential street by a car line, developed and kept residential since the founda-tion of the city, should come only when no other reasonable solution of

"A fleet of thirty motor buses might cost \$300,000. On this the interest ing car service with motor bus lines— some owned or controlled by the trac-

haul rider? "That the public in entitled to first consideration in the management of public service corporations you have always maintained; this assures by the company consideration of these in making his proposal. Page 1 public service corporations you have for which lands at Newport News. Page 1 lands at Newport News. Page 1 capper proposes to tay grain samplers

Page 1 PROGRESS ON ESTIMATES.

Ready Between Dec. 10 and 15. Rapid progress is being made upon Page 2 the District estimates in the hearings Farmers must be aided or they will be before the subcommittee of the House

Page 2 Senator Jones of Washington will urge investigation of alleged inefficiency in government departments. Page 3 District/ and Maryland officials hint at the use of rifles to safeguard the Baltimore boulevard. Page 4 New York bank expresses optimism regarding conditions. Page 1, part 2 Proposal made that deposits in postal savings banks be utilized in home building. Page 2, part 2 December 10 and 15.*

Court since early last month, has been nolle prossed by Assistant Corporation Counsel Francis Hill. Mr. Hill said the charge was dismissed on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence. The colliding charge against Representative Garrett still is pending and probably will be disposed of Monday or Tuesday. These charges were filed after the representative's automobile rate and the charge was dismissed on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence. The colliding charge against Representative Garrett still is pending and probably will be disposed of Monday or Tuesday. These charges were filed after the representative's automobile had struck and knocked down Miss of the colliding. Page 2, part 2 December 10 and 15.*

"BLUE LAW" SEEN AS THE BREEDER BOLSHEVISM

YORK, December 4 .- The Kings county grand jury, which declared America's civilization is threatened by the overwhelming influx of unassimilable immigrants. in a presentment yesterday to in a presentment yesterday to County Judge Mitchell May, today received from him an address, in which he said that the discontent which breeds boishevism might follow clamping of the "blue-law" Sunday on personal conduct. "Let us go slowly before enacting antiquated, discarded and unnecessary laws that may bring down upon our heads a feeling of discontent, diseatisfaction and unrest which might fan anew the flames of bolshevism." he said. "Long since, men recognized the

"Long since, men recognized the advisability of keeping church and "Law is intended to establish peace, bring happiness; not to restrain citizens unreasonably in their freedom of action."

MRS. MACSWINEY IN U. S. TO TESTIFY

With Sister of Deceased Lord Mayor, She Lands From Steamer Celtic.

RECEPTION IN NEW YORK

Quiet Welcome Accorded Two Women on Arrival-Public Waits in Vain. NEW YORK, December 4 (by the

associated Press) .- Mrs. Muriel Mac-

Swiney, widow of the Lord Mayor of Cork, who died on a hunger strike in Londons Brixton prison, stepped quiety down the gangplank from the big gray liner Celtic this morning, landing here on her long journey to testify before the committee of 100 investigating conditions in Ireland. The little woman, clad in mourning, was accompanied by Miss Mary Mac-Swiney, sister of the late lord mayor, who made the journey with her. Outside the entrance to the pier, on West street, hundreds of men. women and children wearing mourning bands and carrying flags of the Irish republic were massed to greet the bands and carrying flags of the Irish republic were massed to greet the two women, but they appeared from a different exit than was expected, and stepped into a waiting taxicab, and were well started before the crowd knew they had landed. Immediately efforts were made to form a parade to escort Mrs. MacSwiney to a 5th avenue hotel.

reception committee, surrounces with the tri-color bunding of the Irish

republic, greeted them. Welcomers Fall in Line

toms and newspaper men abourd the liner.

The police boats Patrol and John F. Hylan carried welcoming delegations down the bay with representatives of a number of organizations of Irish sympathizers to meet the Celtic. Mrs. Peter MacSwiney and Mrs. Annie MacSwiney Dixon, cousins of Mrs. MacSwiney, shouted a wel-come from the Patrol. An extra coast guard cutter was pressed into service to carry the unusual number of reporters and photographers.

Mrs. MacSwiney and her sister-in-law, however, made no statement to reporters, and declared they would have nothing to say until they had talked to the committee of 100 talked to the committee of 100. Rumors of Negotiations.

LONDON, December 4.-There are rumors in the parliamentary lobbies that indirect negotiations are prodon Times gives prominence to the report and says: "The rumors seem cise character of the negotiations, if such they may be called, can at present only be surmised."

There seems to be no doubt, adds the grueling jobs waiting at Marion. the newspaper, that Arthur Hender-son has at least an informal mandate to explore the avenues which might lead to Irish peace.

Truce Is Recommended. DUBLIN, December 4.—Resolutions appealing to the Irish republican parliament to negotiate a truce with should withdraw the ban on meetings some owned or controlled by the traction companies, others independent and competing.

Short-Haul Rider Driven Off.

"Conditions abroad and in Canada serve, to emphasize motor bus availability and practicability. The shorthaul rider has been driven off your line by high fares and crowded cars. Why not bring him back into the riding class? Why not the bus for the short-haul and the car for the longhaul rider?

Should withdraw the ban on meetings of the Irish republican parliament, so that the latter might appoint delegates. They declared the present reign of shootings and burnings, reprisals and counter-reprisals detrimental to both the interests of England and Ireland.

It was ordered this resolution should be sent to Premier Lloyd George, together with the resolution passed by the Galway urban councel, supporting the appeal of Roger N. Sweetman, a Sinn Fein member of George, together with the resolution passed by the Galway urban councel, supporting the appeal of Roger N. Sweetman, a Sinn Fein member of

ONE CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

Evidence Lacking in Driving Case Against Representative Garrett.

Finis J. Garrett of Tennessee of driving an automobile while intoxicated, which has been pending in the Police Court since early last month, has been

WELCOME HARDING AT NEWPORT NEWS

TWO CENTS.

Declares Trip Has Made Stronger His Devotion to Independent U. S.

COMES DOWN GANGPLANK PICTURE OF GOOD HEALTH

Program Includes Speeches at Norfolk and Landing Places-Goes to Bedford Tonight.

By the Associated Press.
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., December

-Returning to American shores toay from his vacation voyage, Presilent-elect Harding received a rousing velcome from the Virginia tidewater cities, and responded with a message of renewed national confidence and

Final abandonment of sectionalism and a rebirth of fearless nationalism furnished the theme of several speeches on his program during the day in Newport News and Norfolk. He declared that although his trip away from home had furnished many pleasant experiences, it had served to make stronger his devotion to independent America.

The steamer Pastores, on which the President-elect and Mrs. Harding

President-elect and Mrs. Harding made the return voyage from the Canal Zone, came into Hampton roads Canal Zone, came into Hampton roads soon after daylight and docked here at 10:30. Disembarking immediately, the party was taken for a ride through the Newport News shipyards and the city's downtown section before Mr. Harding's first speech of the day at the Academy of Music. Crossing to Norfolk on a destroyer early in the afternoon, he was to spend the remainder of the day there as the guest of the city. of the city. Accorded Triumphial Ovation.

As she steamed up the roads the Pastores was accorded a triumphal ovation. A flotilla of twenty-five Pastores was accorded a triumpha-ovation. A flotilla of twenty-five Army airplanes from Langley Field, ac-companied by three naval dirigibles, went out to form a guard of honor, and the ships along the path of the Presi-dent-elect were dressed in marine signal flags spelling out a welcome home.

The presidential yacht Mayflower, which brought Secretary Colby to the roads on the first leg of his journey to South America, dipped her flag as the Pastores passed and the battleship Florida, waiting nearby to take the Secretary aboard, manned her rail to honor the President-elect. Big and little harbor craft joined in a thundering chorus of sirens and fog horus Tanned by appropriate the formula of the service Tanned by exposure to the tropica sun and the salt air, Mr. Harding came down the gangplank a pictur of perfect health and happiness, and Mrs. Harding, who had been ill much of the time since they left New Or

of the time since they left New Orleans November 18, also appeared in
excellent health. They greeted smillingly the crowd that waited for them
at the pier, and during their ride
through the city they were kept busy
waving acknowledgments to cheering
crowds.

A familiar vicissitude of travel de-layed the start of the motor ride and pected exit from the pier sheds of Mrs. MacSwiney.

The city officially welcomed Mrs. MacSwiney through Grover A. Whalen, commissioner of plants and structures, representing the mayor. Down the bay J. L. Fawsitt, "Irish consul" at New York and personal representative of Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," accompanied by Oswald Garrison Villard of the committee of 100, met Mrs. MacSwiney, going out to the Celtic on the coast guard cutter, which put costoms and newspaper men aboard the liner.

Ilayed the start of the motor ride and held up for a few minutes the elaborate schedule of entertainment or schedule of entertainment on shipboard Mr. Harding discovered that in packing he had ne glected to leave out of his bags a pair of high shoes suitable for the chilly atmosphere into which the Pastores had run overnight. Rather than attempt to overhaul his baggage downtown shoe store and changed from his low cuts to a new pair of high tops while his parade waited.

The entertainment schedule arranged for the President-elect provides for the president-elect provides for the president electory in Mrs. MacSwiney, going out to the Celtic on the coast guard cutter, which put costoms and newspaper men aboard the lines. The entertainment schedule arranged for the President-elect provided for luncheon in Newport News and for a formal dinner in Norfolk before his departure late tonight for Bedford, Va., where he speaks to-

EXPECTS TO SPEND ONLY 2 DAYS IN WASHINGTON

Special Dispatch to The Star. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., December -i lumphantly received and honored by the people hereabouts, President-elect Harding smiled happily as he stepped ashore today after his voyag from Panama. He visited the ship-yards at Newport News, and planned to go to Norfolk later for a reception and public banquet. Mr. Harding told this correspondent that he felt a vast improvement in general health, particularly his nerves He confided that when the campaign was over he felt as if his nerves were almost ready to crack, as he had been conscious of a feeling of relaxation and his mind and body is ready for the grueling jobs waiting at Marion. The important conferences to begin at Marion on December 13 will include not only the league of nations and ferging questions such as solutions.

foreign questions such as relations with Mexico and Japan and specia reaty matters affecting things like Panama canal tolls, but domestic problems as well. The President elect has also in mind the new department to be created over which a woman will preside. In such a de-partment it would be sought to fulfill the pledges made during the campaign in respect to a program of social justice.

For weeks to come the little town of Marion will be the center of interest throughout the world, as the eyes of

throughout the world, as the eyes of Europe as well as America will turn that way. According to present plans. Senator Harding will tarry but two days in Washington—Monday and Tuesday—and will be in Marion on Wednesday to get ready for the con-ferences of the following Monday. Copyright, 1920.

RATE RAISE UPHELD

The charge against Representative New York Supreme Court **Rules Against Action of** the I. C. C.

KINGSTON, N. Y., December 4 (by the Associated Press).-Judge Gilbert D. B. Hasbrouck of the state supreme court today declined to vacate an injunction obtained by the state re-straining sixty-one railroads from inor Tuesday. These charges were filed after the representative's automobile had struck and knocked down Miss Olive M. Schofield at Scott Circle November 9,

Sixty Persons Reported Killed in

troops at Ichang, a treaty port in

council of the league of nations from Earl Curzon, British foreign secretary, saying that Great Britain would

UNQUESTIONED IN FRANCE. Foreign Office Not Opposed to Ad-

PARIS, December 4 .- France does not question the constitutionality of the adherence of Argentina to the league of nations, nor the competence of Argentina's delegates to the Meanwhile American business suf-fers all sorts of fears and nervousness. This shaky condition of the economic world will compel conferences be-tween the Wilson and Harding ad-ministrations and between republican assembly of the league at Geneva to represent their country, it was stated at the foreign office today. This statement was prompted by reports published in Argentina that France was questioning the legality of the Argentinian membership in the continuities and democratic leaders. Most officials of the Argentinian membership in the league, the point being raised that her adherence could not be considered legal until approved by the national congress. The report was connected in Argentina with dispatches from Geneva indicating that deductions had been made there from utterances of lory. been made there from utterances of Foreign Minister Pueyrredon that Ar-gentina favored the admission of Ger-In denying the report that France was questioning Argentina's status in the league, the foreign office ex-pressed disbelief that the French del-

Longe, one of the fourteen men under arrest for the murder of Owen Hayes at Fairhaven October 6, has confessed that he killed Hayes for the money he carried, and has declared that the other accussed men were not with him, according to a statement by he configuration of the statement of the stat

PLAN DIRECT SALES TAX AS SUBSTITUTE FOR PROFITS LEVY

Enactment of Legislation to

ASSESSMENT PROPOSED

"Pyramided" by Others. BY WILL P. KENNEDY.

The theory is the consumer must pay

Senator Harding will call at the White House to pay his respects. Conferences between members of the future cabinet and the present executives of the different government departments will come subsequent to announcement of new cabinet personnel. The response of republican as well as democratic editors to the suggestions of close co-operation between the outgoing and incoming administrations for the best interests of the whole country has been almost unanimously favorable.

President Is Ready.

President Wilson himself is said to President Wilson himself is said to

"I am absolutely convinced that the

happen. For instance, the profits tax law of 1917 didn't become a law until October 3 of that year, but But there is no suspicion here that it was made retroactive to January 1 Mr. Wilson will try to foist his views of that year. A great many business

the Senate without first arranging with other powers for changes. Also the view is being urged upon the President that full responsibility for the failure to ratify the treaty would rest upon the Senate if he sent the douement to the upper house with his own suggestions of changes that could be made to satisfy criticisms of prices declining as they ought to

"This is even very much better that

self, or in the tax.

LOOTING IN CHINESE PORT.

Sixty Persons Reported Killed in Mutiny at Ichang.

SHANGHAI, December 3.—A message received here today from Kankow reported that sixty persons have been killed in the mutiny of Chinese troops at Ichang, a treaty port in the transe its that it ought to have received, for the reason that the great department stores and the mail-order houses, prior to the excess profits tax law, practically fixed all prices, and could handle commodities very much cheaper per unit. In order to make a profit that would sufficiently cover the bad years and the good ones it would be necessary for all of the large mercantile establishments to make more than 12 per cent in good years. The \$3,000 exemption to all business means nothing to them. The small dealers had an opportunity either to put their large competitors out